Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1.-18. (cancelled)

19. (currently amended) An apparatus having embedded computer functions for controlling operation of a device ~~according to content in one or more files stored in a storage thereon~~, the apparatus comprising:

a communication connection for receiving ~~the one or more files~~ a first file;

a storage for storing the first file;

wherein ~~at least one file stored on the apparatus~~ the first file is stored in the storage and includes the contents of one or more files arranged in a nested manner in accordance with ~~includes~~ a portrayed file directory structure within the first file itself for addressing contents of the first file in a hierarchical manner;

wherein the portrayed file directory structure ~~that~~ operates as a file directory structure for the apparatus without ~~requiring~~ using a separate descriptor file to define the file directory structure or a separate local file directory structure on the apparatus~~,~~;

wherein the portrayed file directory structure in the first file comprises:

characteristic start symbols and characteristic end symbols to represent each hierarchy levels, wherein the symbols comprise representations of one or more directories, representations of one or more corresponding subdirectories nested therein, and representations of one or more files nested in one or more directories or subdirectories, in a manner representative of a physical hierarchical file directory structure, and

wherein the contents of each file in the portrayed file directory structure are stored ~~in each case~~ between the respective characteristic symbols for each file, thereby allowing directories, subdirectories, and files to be directly addressable by means of the respective characteristic symbols,

said portrayed file directory structure enabling the apparatus to operate as a web server with hierarchical addressing, thereby enabling remote access to control or change operation of the device.

20. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 19, wherein an Internet-compatible language is used for describing the portrayed file directory structure.

21. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the ~~at least one~~first file, in which the portrayed file directory structure is stored, is an XML file and the XML language is used for the purpose of describing the portrayed file directory structure.

22. (cancelled).

23. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 19, wherein a new line is used both for each characteristic start symbol and for each characteristic end symbol.

24. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the designation of the relevant file directory or of the relevant file is used as a characteristic start symbol, and the designation of the relevant file directory or of the relevant file is used as a characteristic end symbol and a predeterminable character is added as a prefix.

25. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first file includes further sections having other contents, said further sections being identified or separated in each case by at least one characteristic start symbol and at least one characteristic end symbol.

26. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 25, wherein configuration data is stored in at least one of the further sections.

27. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 25, wherein <u>one or more of</u> result codes and~~/or~~ error codes are stored in at least one of the further sections.

28. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the apparatus comprises a mechanism for receiving the ~~at least one~~first file via a communication network.

29. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 28, wherein the communication network <u>comprises one or more of</u> ~~is the~~an Internet, ~~and/or~~an Intranet, and~~/or~~ a radio connection.

30. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 26, wherein a configuration of the apparatus, using the configuration data, can be carried out automatically after the ~~at least one~~first file has been loaded onto the apparatus.

31. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the content of one or more of the files in the portrayed file directory structure is capable of being remotely addressed using a full Uniform Resource Language URL address in accordance with the file's location in the portrayed file directory structure and being displayed as a webpage on a remote device.

32. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 19, wherein an update of the portrayed file directory structure comprises overwriting an original file version of the ~~at least one~~first file with a new file version.

33. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 26, wherein an update of the configuration data comprises overwriting an original file version of the ~~at least one~~first file with a new file version.

34. (currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 26, wherein after the ~~at least one~~first file has been updated, a previously set configuration data of the apparatus onto which the original file version of the ~~at least one~~ first file was loaded, is automatically checked and adapted.

35. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the apparatus is an embedded device.

36. (previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the apparatus is an automation device.

37. (previously presented) An automation system having at least one apparatus as claimed in Claim 19.

38. (canceled)